



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, May 15, 2011

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.7
Soil moisture supplies: 23% very short, 46% short, 30% adequate and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report
Rainfall during the week was sparse and variable across the state. Some parts of the state were affected by the rising of the Mississippi River with several thousand cropland acres underwater. Salt levels continued to climb in some irrigation canals, and some rice producers struggled to find fresh water for irrigation. Soybean planting continued, while sorghum planting was completed. Winter Wheat harvest made excellent progress due to dry weather.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Citrus producers scouted for insects. Strawberry harvest continued. Vegetable producers sold produce. Producers cleaned up strawberry fields, sprayed to control insects and disease in tomato fields, and fertigated bell pepper fields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Some cattle producers had to move cattle and other livestock to higher ground as a result of backwater flooding due to the Mississippi River water levels. Other producers worked cattle. Pastures were in desperate need of rain.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	99	99	99	98
Corn	Silked	2	N/A	0	1
Cotton	Planted	91	78	74	80
	Emerged	80	61	63	65
Hay	First cutting	52	44	49	40
Rice	Planted	99	96	98	95
	Emerged	97	93	92	89
Sorghum	Planted	100	99	94	92
	Emerged	99	98	80	77
Soybeans	Planted	79	67	57	67
	Emerged	66	43	46	55
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	6	4	13	6
Winter Wheat	Turning Color	100	94	92	94
	Harvested	40	N/A	2	8

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	1	4	29	66	0
Corn	0	5	21	65	9
Sorghum	0	0	29	54	17
Soybeans	0	4	35	61	0
Rice	2	6	28	53	11
Sugarcane	6	16	41	26	11
Winter Wheat	0	1	27	59	13
Livestock	3	11	41	43	2
Vegatables	5	11	34	47	3
Pasture	6	25	42	26	1

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/09/11 TO 05/15/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	92	64	78	72	0.64	3.63	12.26	20.56
Minden	91	59	76	70	0.36	3.72	14.16	22.73
Mooringsport	91	(47)	73	MM	1.40	4.32	15.20	18.19
Shreveport South	93	47	73	MM	0.88	4.33	13.76	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	93	47	73	71	1.14	4.33	13.76	21.01
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	MM	MM	MM	71	0.03	7.82	17.45	23.66
Homer/Hill Farm	91	58	75	70	0.25	4.24	15.39	22.80
Extreme/Average	91	58	MM	71	MM.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM	23.89
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	90	50	73	71	0.00	7.55	24.46	26.43
LSU-St Joseph	90	65	79	73	0.00	2.84	22.29	25.73
LSU-Winnsboro	MM	MM	MM	72	0.00	4.09	23.25	24.98
Tallulah	89	52	76	71	0.05	5.88	24.64	25.80
Extreme/Average	90	50	73	72	0.00	7.55	24.46	25.65
4. West-Central								
Leesville	92	56	77	72	0.03	0.85	12.11	22.70
Ashland	93	57	76	70	1.10	3.22	13.32	22.87
Hodges Gardens	93	54	76	MM	0.00	0.85	11.66	22.45
Extreme/Average	93	54	MM	72	MM.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM	22.56
5. Central								
Alexandria	91	58	78	73	0.00	1.64	13.97	24.21
Bunkie	(95)	56	79	73	0.00	1.33	12.80	25.68
Extreme/Average	95	56	MM	73	MM.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM	24.42
6. East-Central								
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	73	0.00	0.41	15.46	25.68
Slidell	87	53	75	74	0.00	0.02	10.10	25.00
Extreme/Average	87	53	75	73	0.00	0.02	10.10	26.00
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	92	54	77	73	1.10	3.50	14.79	22.79
Jennings	90	58	78	74	0.09	2.56	14.01	20.97
LSU-Crowley	88	68	78	74	0.16	4.62	14.00	21.88
Oberlin Fire Tow	90	57	78	74	0.00	2.35	12.16	24.69
Extreme/Average	92	54	MM	74	MM.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM	21.23
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	91	50	75	74	0.15	0.29	11.92	22.96
LSU-Jeanerette	89	66	78	74	0.16	0.74	8.41	20.90
Morgan City	85	60	75	74	0.32	0.36	7.55	21.62
Lafayette	88	61	76	75	0.06	3.38	14.23	22.57
Extreme/Average	91	50	75	75	0.15	0.29	11.92	21.88
9. Southeast								
Galliano	86	65	77	74	0.05	0.05	14.62	23.11
NO Audubon Park	90	63	79	76	0.42	0.42	8.04	22.84
Extreme/Average	90	63	79	75	0.42	0.42	MM.MM	23.34
State Averages	95	47	75	73	0.33	2.34	15.06	23.91

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 15, 2011

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